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ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1985

The New Bedford Free Public Library experienced a great deal of change with the retirement of eight employees in the two years from July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1985, employees who had been on the staff for a combined total of 190 years!

Laurence Solomon also retired this year, having served as library director from December 10, 1969 to April 2, 1985.

Dedicated service, accomplishments large and small, brief acquaintances and long term friendships are all reflected in these many years.

Decrease in the use of the libraries, as shown in lower statistics for circulation of materials and the number of reference in-

quiries, are in part, related to the staff shortages that existed as a result of the retirements. Filling all of the vacancies, many of them professional positions, has been an ongoing and long term process.

Thanks must be extended to those staff, particularly department heads, whose efforts made it possible to maintain service during many months of staff vacancies and related demands for training of new personnel.

In anticipation of functioning once again with all of our positions filled, we look forward to not only maintaining library service, but to expanding it. As a city library New Bedford serves nearly 100,000 residents and as one of the subregional headquarters libraries for the Eastern Regional Library System, it serves an additional 230,000 residents of the surrounding

communities of Acushnet, Carver, Cuttyhunk, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, Plymouth, Rochester, Somerset, Swansea, Wareham, and Westport.

With the continued assistance of our Mayor, Board of Trustees, and City Council, with the responsive cooperation of city department heads and staff, and the efforts and interest of our own library staff, we will work toward fulfilling our role as providers of information to all members of our greater community.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Medeiros
Director
(Appointed July 22, 1985)

LIBRARY EMPLOYEES FISCAL 1985

Director: Laurence H. Solomon**

Librarian III: Pauline Bolduc, James Horan, Susan Kelley

Librarian II: Joao Aguiar, Paul Cyr, Ann Feinstein, Sharon Pinho, Irva Torres

Librarian I: Carol Murchie, Ann Rodrigues, Dolores Serode

Library Assistant II: Elizabeth Apana, Yvette Boisclair, Mary Cabral, Fatima DeAbreu*, Phillip Dimor, Carolyn Neary, Thelma Paine**

Library Assistant I: Francine Alfonse, Juanita Baptista, Carol Bellefeuille, Martha Boudreau, Beverly Gracia, Martha Johnson**, Marilyn Krishnamurti, Eileen Michaud, Dineia Sylvia, Janet Williams

Library Aide II: Tammy Arruda, Rita Chapdelaine, Donna Cordeiro, Kathleen Correia, Ezaura Couto**, Andrea Desbiens, Elisabeth Figueiredo, Pamela Fortier*, Patricia Mello, Rochelle Mingola, Janice Pina, Nancy Plante, Maria Robertson

Library Aide I: Joan Barney, Ernestina Furtado, Pauline Sylvia, Patricia Vieira

Bookmobile Driver: Joseph N. Soares, Jr.

Principal Clerk: Yvonne R. Lacoste

Bookkeeper: Mary C. Freitas

Sr. Bldg. Cust.: Ida Abreu**, George Arruda

Building Custodians: David Brisson, Gregory Garman, Wendell Nooth, Gordon Peckham, Henry Silva, Joseph Taylor

Monitors: Lorna Lessa, Charlene Nelson, Goncalo Rego

Van Drivers: Joseph Bastarache, Michael Jamilkowski, Edward Woolley

Pages: Helene Brin, Patricia Ellis, Cheryl Ann Fleury, Lisa Ann Ferreira, Maria Germano, Patricia Hoyle, Olga Moniz, Michelle Saindon, Pamela Souza, Elizabeth Vieira

Substitutes: Janine Azar, Shirley Cohen, Charlotte Nye (formerly Children's Librarian - deceased October 1984), Lily Petty, David Rezendes, Donna Schlosser, Beverly Souza, Louise Sylvia, Johanna Walsh

*Resigned
**Retired

FISCAL REPORT JULY 1, 1984 - JUNE 30, 1985

RECEIPTS

City of New Bedford		$784,556.93	
Commonwealth of Mass. (State Aid)		49,239.00	
Massachusetts Eastern Region		100,050.00	
Bequest Funds			
Income	$108,514.79		
On Hand	18,026.36	126,541.15	$1,060,387.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries		$721,360.70	
Library Materials (Inc. E. Reg. Funds)		149,746.29	
Operation			
Processing	$ 12,563.00		
Heat & Power	62,170.51		
Maint. & Rpr.	37,170.82		
Off. & Admin.	5,547.87		
Transportation	457.19		
Advertising	2,302.27		
Other	10,653.71	130,865.37	
Balance on Hand (Funds)		15,376.19	
Balance Eastern Region		43,038.53	$1,060,387.08

PRIVATE FUNDS

	On Hand 6/30/84	Received 1984-1985	Disbursed 1984-1985	On Hand 6/30/85
F. S. Allen	$ 569.81	61.29	-0-	631.10
Casa da Saudade	694.39	-0-	660.65	33.74
James B. Congdon	45.77	30.64	45.31	31.10
George O. Crocker	341.77	597.92	820.53	119.16
Oliver Crocker	77.27	61.28	99.64	38.91
George Howland	557.98	112.46	46.91	623.53
S. A. Howland	3097.60	11695.51	13715.59	1077.52
Susan Jones	463.84	857.84	1226.99	94.69
Kempton	2782.16	33872.54	32044.91	4609.79
Eliz. B. Mackie	57.00	61.28	62.98	55.30
Charles W. Morgan	68.60	61.28	81.73	48.15
Bernard A. Perry	25.16	104.30		129.46
Clara Tripp	403.27	1440.00	1297.92	545.35
Florence Waite	769.45	894.79	1446.98	217.26
Patty Wilcox	1689.68	328.71	46.48	1971.91
Sylvia Wilks	6270.21	58195.77	59340.48	5125.50
Charles Wood	112.40	139.18	227.86	23.72
TOTALS	$ 18026.36	108514.79	111164.96	15376.19

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON TO 1970

Location	1970	80-81*	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85
Central	125,542	176,688	164,224	160,623	162,584	160,045
Wilks	76,673	74,958	70,978	68,835	64,523	62,142
Buttonwood	67,670	46,291	45,839	45,480	45,537	42,977
Howland-Green	49,849	41,817	43,137	48,001	43,456	34,895
Bookmobile	45,573	36,735	30,786	29,536	38,933	33,079
Casa da Saudade	----	56,233	52,424	50,637	45,715	45,747
All Branches	239,765	256,034	243,164	242,489	238,164	218,840
Entire System	365,307	432,722	407,388	403,112	400,748	378,885

REFERENCE COMPARISONS

Center Only	9,406	14,149	13,460	15,466	15,374	14,694

*Branch hours reduced from 62 to 40 hours per week.